



## 2026 Summer Camp Program

**APPLY BY April 11<sup>th</sup> FOR PRIORITY SCHEDULING**

*(Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis after April 11<sup>th</sup> as spots remain)*

### **SUMMER PROGRAMMING INFORMATION:**

#### ***Larkin Valley Farm:***

Most summer camp sessions take place at Larkin Valley Farm. Larkin Valley Farm is a small farm and garden with farm animals (goats, ducks, chickens and rabbits). If your child has any food allergies, is allergic to bee stings, or has a fear of animals, please be sure to include this information in the online application.

#### ***Program Dates:***

June 8<sup>th</sup>-August 6<sup>th</sup>. Two week half day (Monday-Thursday, 10:00-1:00/1:30-4:30), and one week all day (10:00-4:00), options available. (There are 5 separate camp sessions to select from in the online application).

#### ***Deadline and Camp Confirmation:***

**Apply by April 11th for priority scheduling. Families will be notified about summer placement by April 21st.** Applications will be considered after the due date, as space is available. If there is no appropriate placement at the time of scheduling, the student will be placed on the waitlist and the deposit refunded.

#### ***Program Cost:***

**Therapeutic Summer Camps:** The program cost for a therapeutic summer camp is \$1650.00, (\$68.75 per hour, for 24 therapeutic hours). Materials fee and deposit are included in the total cost. There are 2-week half-day or one-week all-day options available. We appreciate that this cost is more than a traditional summer camp. This rate is based on highly specialized therapy and a small teacher-student ratio, at the rate of approximately \$69 per hour (versus a more typical \$130 per hour for therapeutic services).

#### ***Scholarships:***

Please let us know you are interested in our program, but are unable to attend due to financial constraints. We will do what we can to help! Scholarships are need-based, and are awarded as funds are available. Please contact Growing Social for more information on available scholarship funding.

### ***Who are the teachers?:***

Stephanie Madrigal and Amy Miller. We may have an aide to assist in a group, if needed. We are both speech and language pathologists who have specialized in working with students with social learning differences for 20 plus years. We both started with Michelle Winner at Social Thinking,® where Amy served as clinic director and Stephanie co-created the well-known social learning curriculum Superflex,® as well as wearing many other hats. As both parents and professionals, we understand the need to know your child is in good hands. We strive to provide high quality therapy, celebrate neurodiversity, support families and schools and create a supportive community.

### **SUMMER 2026 OFFERINGS:**

Growing Social summer camps offer high quality therapy while providing a highly motivating summer camp experience.

*\*Farm and Garden Camp (All ages). With this option, various camp themes may be explored with the farm and garden as a back drop. Previous farm and garden camp themes have included: dungeons and dragons, Live action roll play, shark tank, build a food business camp, be a farmer camp, zombies, and many many more. Students and families love our summer camps!*

*\*Community Outing Camp (appropriate for middle school and young adults)*

*\*Camp Counselor Camp (appropriate for high school and young adults)*

*\*Social-Vocational Camp (appropriate for high school and young adults)*

*\*College Boot Camp (appropriate for high school and young adults)*

*\*Grub and Game Camp (appropriate for 5th grade through young adult)*

### ***Which camp happens in each camp slot is determined by interest.***

For example, if four students that we determine would be a good fit together (after reviewing applications, reports, etc.), all have the same availability and are all requesting a college boot camp, then we would schedule that session for the college boot camp. Scheduling is a complicated puzzle as we do our best to match students not just based on availability, but based on skills, temperaments, areas of need, etc., so that we ensure all of the students in the group are benefitting from the teaching. The more availability you're able to provide, the greater the likelihood that we'll be able to find a good group fit (if the student is an appropriate fit for the group format).

### ***Half day vs. Full day camp:***

Parents often ask which is best for their child. If your child has the motivation, interest and stamina for a full camp day, that may be a good option. Some families prefer full camp days as there's more concentrated time to learn and practice generalizing skills. Often younger students (generally under 7/8), do best with a half day camp. If possible, selecting both options increases the likelihood that we find a great fit for the camper.

***Who do we serve?:***

As our therapeutic approach is heavily rooted in language and thinking, students with strong language and processing skills are best served by our camps. We may not be able to support students with significant behavioral needs. If a group setting is not currently most appropriate for your child, we may be able to support them in an individual setting. Please reach out directly so we can talk further if you are unsure if your child can successfully participate in a group setting.

***Important Dates:***

- April 11<sup>th</sup> - Priority scheduling deadline
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - Families are notified about placement
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Remaining summer camp balance is due
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Summer camps begin

***Invoices:*** An invoice will be provided once a camper is scheduled to attend a camp session. **The remaining summer camp balance is due in full by May 22nd.**

***Insurance:***

If you are working with your insurance company, or think that you may seek reimbursement for the summer program, please make sure to upload a medical report (separate from an IEP/educational report), with the diagnosis given by a medical professional. **Please note that we do not work directly with insurance companies, or accept third party reimbursement.**

***Attendance and Cancellation:***

Students are highly encouraged to attend each session, as each session builds on the last and is important for group cohesion. We are unable to reimburse families for missed sessions. In the event that the therapist must cancel a session day, every attempt will be made to reschedule the camp time with families. However, if unable to reschedule, families will be refunded for cancelled sessions.

***Parent Wrap-up:***

Each session includes a parent component, as we believe this to be instrumental in carrying concepts over into the home and to the student's support team. A 15–20-minute parent wrap-up takes place at the end of each session in order to provide the information and concepts covered each day. Parents are highly encouraged to attend these informative wrap-ups. If unable, a separate meeting time will be scheduled. Additional team consultation can also be scheduled over the summer.

***Reach out!:***

If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to reach out! We're happy to connect and talk more about whether or not Growing Social may be the right fit for your child/student as well as

answer any questions! You can message us directly through the client portal (available after completing the contact form and receiving the client portal invite via email), or reach out directly to: 408-806-4603.

After 14 years of Growing Social, and too many years to count as therapists, we remain deeply grateful for the Growing Social community.

[Join us now and start your application here!](#)

Warmly,

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